



DOE DIALOGUE | Weekly Message from Superintendent Ritz
June 9, 2014

Last week I sent out an ESEA Flexibility memorandum that included assessment updates for 2014-15. I released my opinion to the public regarding the topic. It is [attached](#) for your review. ([waiver OpEd](#))

Just a reminder, the following standards documents are on the IDOE website:

- Vertical Alignment of Standards by grade level bands
- Standards correlation documents

Posted before the end of June will be the following standards educator resources:

- Glossaries for both math and English/Language Arts
- Math Resource Guides (including examples by grade level/standard and sample web resources)
- Online Educators' Toolkit for Indiana's K-12 Reading Selections (including the Indiana Reading List of sample texts by genre and grade span, Indiana Literacy Material Guidance, guidance for grades 6 - 12 inclusion of nonfiction text, sample of grade level text complexity and the *Hoosier Family of Readers* initiative)

The DOE Dialogue will continue to be published each Monday throughout the summer. Feel free to leave comments at doecomm@doe.in.gov.

Sincerely,

Glenda Ritz, Superintendent of Public Instruction

NOTE: * indicates data information requirements for ALL public schools, including charter schools.

Memorandum

MEMORANDUM: The Department of Education would like to recognize all local educators selected as their 2014 district Teacher of the Year (TOY). Please send a press announcement or the educator's name, school and grade level/content area to doecomm@doe.in.gov. Feel free to send any local media coverage of your announcement as well. **Don't forget** that your local district TOY has until July 9th, 2014 to [apply](#) to be next year's Indiana Teacher of the Year!

MEMORANDUM: The Indiana School Safety Academy is co-sponsoring a regional training on July 18 in Indianapolis titled "Teen Dating Violence/Sexual Assault: Creating a Safe Environment at School", presented by Chris Warren from the Domestic Violence Network and Colleen Yeakle from the Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Participants at this training will receive one day of annual Safety Specialist re-certification for the 2014-2015 school year. Registration and additional information are available [online](#).

MEMORANDUM: eLearning Book Club and read Thrive: 5 Ways to (Re)Invigorate Your Teaching by National Board Certified teacher Meenoo Rami. Our online weekly book discussions will begin on Monday, June 2nd and will end Friday, August 1. (No discussion 4th of July week.) We will begin with a week of introductions, and then each week a discussion prompt will be shared in the blog and participants will be invited to respond, sharing their thoughts, ideas, and/or questions. All participants who make a

meaningful contribution to each week's discussion will be entered into a drawing to win a \$1000 professional development grant. More than one grant will be given so, [buy the book](#), [join the blog](#), and dive into the discussions that begin on June 2nd. ([summer book memo](#))

MEMORANDUM: College and Career Ready Bridge Course Summit for Literacy and Math

Readiness: The Literacy Specialists at the Indiana Department of Education invite high school English, Social Studies, Science, and Math teachers to attend a summer summit in Indianapolis on June 23-25 at Avon High School to learn about the SREB Readiness Courses. Administrators, guidance counselors, and literacy coaches should attend this training, also. We ask that at least 4 teachers (one from each discipline) plus 1 other attend this summit. ([see attachment](#)) To register for the Indiana Department of Education's CCR Bridge Course Summit: *Literacy and Math Readiness*, please register at [college-and-career-ready-bridge-course-summit-literacy-and-math-readiness](#) (**registration deadline June 13**). Contact Jill Lyday, Secondary Literacy Specialist: jlyday@doe.in.gov or call 317-232-0867.

MEMORANDUM: Farm to School Steering Committee Meeting - Wednesday, June 11th from 9:00-10:30am

- Procurement Small Group Meeting - Wednesday, June 18th from 10:00-11:00am
- Education Small Group Meeting - Friday, June 27th from 9:30-10:30am

If you will be attending in person to any of the above meetings, please see below for address. Indiana Farm Bureau, 225 South East Street Indianapolis, IN 46202. If you will be calling-in to any of the above meetings, please see below for number. Free Conference Call Conference Dial-in Number: **(712) 432-1212**, Meeting ID: **255-797-144#** contact **Maggie Stephon, Wellness Specialist** Indiana Department of Education, Ph (317) 232-2130 Email: mstephon@doe.in.gov

MEMORANDUM: The Title I Team, with support from American Institutes for Research, will be hosting a Title I Summit in Indianapolis on June 19th. ([registration](#)) The keynote speaker for the event will be Dr. Tim Shanahan - known for his research and work on reading and Urban Education. The day will also feature Superintendent Ritz, Indiana Title I Distinguished Schools (Miami Elementary in Lafayette and Washington Elementary in Fort Wayne), High Performing and School Improvement Secondary Schools (Raymond Park Intermediate Academy and Harshman Magnet Middle School, both in Indianapolis), as well as the National Center for Families Learning. Topics will cover literacy, RtI, closing the achievement gap, data, building community partners, and parent involvement. The day is organized for both elementary and secondary teachers, administrators, and coaches. Dr. Tim Shanahan will host a principals luncheon as well. There is no cost for the general sessions, but principals who attend the luncheon will be required to pay \$10 for the box lunch on site. . ([see Title I promo](#))

Information From Other Agencies

Education Service Centers will be offering RISE Teacher Evaluation Training between June 2014 and September 2014. Below are the scheduled dates and their registration sites:

- East Central ESC: June 25-26, 2014 (<http://www.ecesc.k12.in.us>)
- West Central ESC: July 21-22, 2014 (<http://www.wciesc.k12.in.us>)
- Wilson Center ESC: July 21-22, 2014 (<http://www.wesc.k12.in.us>)
- Region 8 ESC: July 23-24, 2014 (<http://www.r8esc.k12.in.us>)
- Northern Indiana ESC: July 29-31, 2014 (<http://www.niesc.k12.in.us>)
- Wabash Valley ESC: July 29-30, 2014 (<http://www.esc5.k12.in.us>)
- Southern Indiana ESC: August 27-28, 2014 (<http://www.siec.k12.in.us>)
- Northwest Indiana ESC: September 4-5, 2014 (<http://www.nwiesc.k12.in.us>)
- Central Indiana ESC: September 18-19, 2014 (<http://www.ciesc.k12.in.us>)

Central Indiana Educational Services, (CIESC) offers a variety of professional learning workshops, to view these events visit www.ciesc.k12.in.us, view events calendar on right side bar or click on Services, then Professional Learning.

An Indiana Leader in Online Driver Education The CIESC Driver Education is looking to offer our online class statewide to Indiana Public Schools to use for their students. CIESC will offer 3 levels of school partnerships that will allow students to complete our online class while either having their home school provide the in-car lessons or allowing CIESC to provide these lesson. For more information about this service and how this could benefit your district, please email Sam Ruff at sruff@ciesc.k12.in.us. Click [HERE](#) for more information and the Driver Education Flyer or <http://bit.ly/1pcPXTs>

Online Professional Learning Series: Classroom Management, Culture and Positive Discipline

Available NOW! To register click [HERE](#). For a Sneak Peak Video Click [HERE](#) Welcome to the Online PI Video Series of Classroom Culture, Management, and Positive Discipline! The first key to having a positive learning environment for students is to be as proactive as possible. The second key is taking the time to teach students the processes and procedures being used. All of the sessions are between 25-45 minutes long so teachers could view the session during their prep periods. \$100 for CIESC members, \$150 for Non-members. Differentiating Instruction will be available at the end of June!

Managing Classrooms to Prevent Bullying: Everyone at school can work together to create a climate where bullying is not acceptable. Learn how teachers can create ground rules with students and set clear expectations for behavior: <http://1.usa.gov/1kOAdxj>

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